

# *Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit*



## *2017 Summer Programs*

Welcome to the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit, a unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve. The Kettle Moraine is internationally known for its spectacular glacial features and fascinating diversity of plants and animals. We encourage you to stop in at the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center to learn more about our glacial past.

Throughout the year, the forest naturalists present a wide array of educational programs. The programs are held at the Ice Age Visitor Center, Mauthe Lake Recreation Area, Long Lake Recreation Area, or at other spots within the forest. Most programs are free, but some forest locations do require a Wisconsin State Park System Vehicle Admission Sticker. For more information about the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit or the public programs, please contact the forest staff at the following locations.



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit  
N1765 County Road G  
Campbellsport, WI 53010  
(262) 626-2116



Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center  
Located half mile west of Dundee  
N2875 Hwy 67 (not a mailing address)  
Campbellsport, WI 53010  
(920) 533-8322

# May 2017

## *Nature Storytimes*

An hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults. Join us for stories, games, crafts, and songs on the first and third Thursdays or Fridays of each month. Programs are held at the Ice Age Visitor Center.

### **Incredible Eggs Nature**

May 4, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)

May 5, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Craaaaaack! What's coming out of the egg? You'll be surprised at all the different creatures that begin their lives in eggs.

### **Pond Life Nature**

May 18, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)

May 19, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

A pond may seem like a quiet spot until you explore more closely. Find out what animals and plants call ponds their homes.

## *An Evening with Nature*

### **Ticks and Lyme – What You Need to Know**

May 11, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Wisconsin Lyme Network



Ah, those tiny eight-legged critters – ticks! They creep along and then burrow into our skin. Some call them nature's dirty needles. Find out the best way to keep ticks at bay and the latest on the diseases they can transmit including Lyme disease. This program is most appropriate for adults and youth over 12 years old.

## *Exploring Nature Programs*

Everyone is invited to participate in one and a half to two hours of hands-on nature fun. Adults are encouraged to work with their children. These programs are best for families/groups with children ages 6 to 12 years old.



### **Sounds of Spring**

May 6, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

"Konk-la-ree," "peep, peep, peep," and "twang, twang" are all sounds of

spring. Come listen to the chatter of spring and find out what animals are making all those different noises and why.

### **Water Life**

May 13, 1:00-2:30 pm (Saturday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Fishing Pier

Armed with nets, buckets, and hand lenses explore the shores of Mauthe Lake. We may encounter backswimmers, striders, and tadpoles. Be prepared to get your feet wet. Wear old shoes for trudging in the mud.



## *Get Outdoors! Go...*

Have you wanted to try a new outdoor skill or brush up on an old one? Then join us for one of our Get Outdoors! Go... programs to learn a new skill or two from experienced instructors.

### **Survive Outdoors**

May 20, 9:30-11:45 am (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Become skilled at easy techniques to help you survive in the outdoors. Program topics include hike preparations, orienteering compass, simple shelters, water collection, fire building, and rescue aids. This program is most appropriate for people over 8 years old.

## *Journey into Darkness Night Hike*

May 26, 8:30-10:00 pm (Friday)

Zillmer Trails Area (located off County Road SS between  
County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

As the sun sets and the light fades from the sky, the day animals retire and a new group of animals awakens. We will explore the darkening world for **sounds of the night**. Bring your bug spray and sense of adventure. This night hike is best for families/groups with children at least 5 years old.

## *Saturday Morning Nature Sleuths*

May 27, 10:00-11:00 am (Saturday)

Picnic Shelters at the Mauthe Lake Recreation Area and Long Lake Recreation Area

Calling all youth to unravel the mysteries of nature by participating in the *Wisconsin Explorers* program! The program involves completing a required number of engaging nature activities in one of three age appropriate books (ages 3-5, ages 6-8, and ages 9+) to earn a very cool patch. Get help from a naturalist who will work with youth on activities from one of the first four topic areas of the books.

## May 2017

### *Drop In at the Beach*

Drop in on the forest naturalists on Saturday or Sunday afternoon at the Long Lake or Mauthe Lake Recreation Area. They will have artifacts, activities, and answers to your nature and outdoor questions. Come for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

### **Birds of a Feather**

May 27, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach  
May 28, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

Have you ever dreamed of flying like a bird? Drop in to learn about the unique adaptations birds possess that help them to fly and survive in a great variety of habitats.



### *Summer Saturday Evening Events*

#### **Sponsored by Friends of the Kettle Moraine**

Meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center or the location listed for informative and entertaining presentations. Forest staff or guest presenters will provide programs on a wide array of topics. These programs are best for people over 8 years old unless otherwise listed.

#### **Night Fliers: Bats**

May 27, 7:00-8:30 pm (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

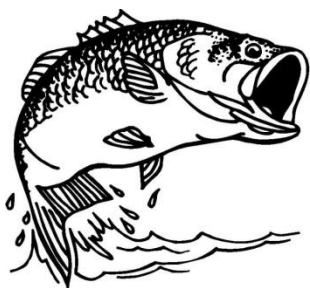
Presenters: Barbara and Ken Bowman  
Bat Conservation of Wisconsin



Bats are often shrouded in mystery and misunderstandings. Join us as we unravel the mysteries and share fascinating facts about these night-time flying mammals and the hazards they face. You may get to meet a live bat up close.

## June 2017

### *Special Events*



#### **Fish Fest**

June 3, 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
(Saturday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area  
Picnic Shelter

Let the fishing fun begin!  
Learn how to fish at the Learn to Fish Rodeo or sign up for a Learn to Fly Fish session.

Marvel at the unique adaptations of fish. Create your own fish print T-shirt or bandana. Take in a fish cooking demonstration and find out ways to impede the spread of aquatic exotics. Even drop a line in the water to try to catch a fish or two. Fishing equipment provided. **To register for fly fishing, call (920) 533-8322 by June 1.** No fishing license needed since it is Free Fishing Weekend and no admission sticker required as it is Wisconsin State Park System's Open House Weekend.

#### **Cache Quest**

*An official Wisconsin Geocaching event*

June 4, 9:00 am-3:00 pm (Sunday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area, Long Lake Recreation Area,  
and Ice Age Visitor Center

Use your geocaching and riddle solving skills to complete three quests to rescue the Glacier King, Water Queen, and Forest Prince. Special prizes awarded to the teams that finish all three quests the quickest. Teams can register at any of the three locations. The Cache Quest is open to all ages. No vehicle admission sticker required, since it is Wisconsin State Park System's Open House Weekend.



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### **Wiggling Worms**

June 1, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)

June 2, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

What has no legs, lives underground, and eats dirt? You guessed it - a worm! Unearth the details about the secret lives of these wiggling critters.

### **Home Sweet Home**

June 15, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)

June 16, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Did you ever wonder what lives underground, in the grass, or in a tree? We'll uncover where the animals of the Kettle Moraine call home.



## *Journey into Darkness Night Hike*

June 2, 8:30-10:15 pm (Friday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter

As the sun sets and the light fades from the sky, the day animals retire and a new group of animals awakens. Bring your bug spray and sense of adventure as we solve the **mysteries of the night lights**. This night hike is best for families/groups with children at least 5 years old.

## *Saturday Morning Nature Sleuths*

June Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 am

Picnic Shelters at Mauthe Lake Recreation Area and Long Lake Recreation Area

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## *Nature Sensations*

June 3, 11:30 am-12:30 pm (Saturday)

Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach

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## *Evening Explorations*

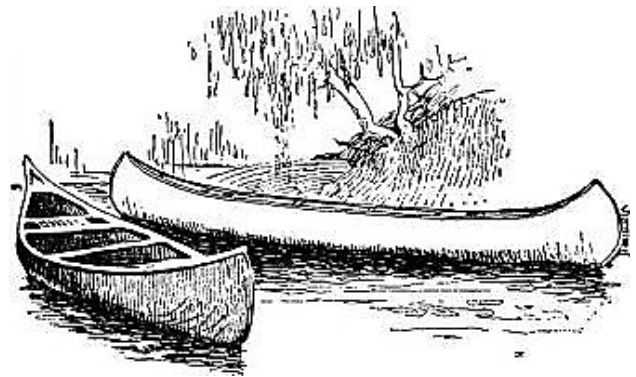
Come delve into a nature topic or explore a portion of the Northern Unit on the second or fourth Thursday evening of the month. These explorations are for people over the age of 12 years.

### **Journey to Spruce Lake Bog**

June 8, 6:30-8:00 pm (Thursday)

Ice Age Visitor Center and Spruce Lake Bog

Bogs are very special communities with a lot of uncommon plants and animals. Explore Spruce Lake Bog, a National Natural Landmark, for carnivorous plants, "bouncing soils," and rare flowers. Wear old shoes in case you get your feet wet. We will meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center and then car pool the three miles over to Spruce Lake Bog.



### **Canoe Adventure**

June 22, 6:30-8:30 pm (Thursday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Boat Launch

Venture with us by canoe around Mauthe Lake and up the East Branch of the Milwaukee River. Get a close look at the natural communities within and surrounding the lake and river. Basic canoe skills will be covered. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by June 21.** Class limit is 24 to 30 people without canoe equipment. No experience is necessary. In the event of threatening weather, the program will be canceled.



# June 2017

## *Drop In at the Beach*

Drop in on the forest naturalists on Saturday or Sunday afternoon at the Long Lake or Mauthe Lake Recreation Area. They will have artifacts, activities, and answers to your nature and outdoor questions. Come for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

### **Animals of the Forest and City**

June 10, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

June 11, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)

Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach



Discover what animals feel as comfortable living in the forest as they do in our human populated cities. Pick up tips on how to reside with wild animals in urban and suburban areas.

### **Summer Sun Celebration**

June 17, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)

Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach

June 18, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

Come celebrate the sun reaching its annual zenith. Discover what work the sun can do for us from cooking food to powering a car or flashlight. Create a special solar piece of art. Try a few cool sun experiments.

### **Alien Attack**

June 24, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

June 25, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)

Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach

We're being invaded not by outer space aliens but by alien plants and animals. Find out what foreign species can take over our native communities and what people can do to help control their spread. Make several unique crafts including a smashed-plant bandanna. Bring your own bandanna or purchase one for a small fee.

## *Summer Saturday Evening Events*

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### **Bring Back the Pollinators**

June 3, 7:00-8:30 pm (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Carrie Caselton-Lowe

Ecologist and Organic Farmer



Did you know native pollinators are essential for worldwide food production? In some cases, wild pollinators improve fruit set of plants at twice the rate of honey bees. But native pollinators face serious declines with some on the brink of extinction. Whether you are a gardener, farmer, beekeeper, or just interested, find out ways to help bring back the pollinators. Plan to make and take home a simple bee nest to start building pollinator habitat in your yard and community.

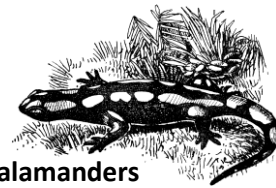
### **The Dragons and Damsels of Summer**

June 10, 7:00-8:30 pm (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Freda van den Broek, Wis. Dragonfly Society

Dragonflies and damselflies are true flying gems of summer. Gain an understanding about their astonishing life cycles and of how to identify some of the more common families. Find out how you can become involved with the statewide dragonfly citizen monitoring program.



### **Slippery, Slimy Salamanders**

June 17, 7:00-8:30 pm (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Forest Naturalist

Under the cloak of darkness, the secretive salamanders go on the prowl. Unearth the fascinating life cycle of these remarkable amphibians and the important roles they play in forest ecosystems.

### **Twilight Paddle**

June 24, 6:30-8:30 pm (Saturday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Boat Launch

Presenter: Jackie Scharfenberg, Forest Naturalist

Join us for an evening canoe trip around Mauthe Lake and up the Milwaukee River. As we paddle, we will keep our eyes and ears open for evening birds and other wildlife. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by June 23.** Class limit is 24 to 30 people without canoe equipment. Basic canoe skills will be covered. No experience is necessary. In the event of threatening weather, the program will be canceled.

# July 2017

## Special Events



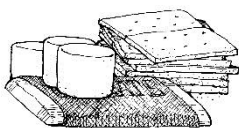
### An Evening of John Denver Music with Brett Hall

Sponsored by the  
Friends of the Kettle Moraine  
July 1, 6:30-8:30 pm (Saturday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area  
Picnic Shelter

Take a step back in musical time to enjoy the unforgettable songs of John Denver by a roaring campfire. This is an outside concert, so remember to bring your blankets and lawn chairs. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Ice Age Visitor Center. This program is great for all ages from preschoolers through grandparents.

### S'more Contest and Campfire

Sponsored by the  
Friends of the Kettle Moraine  
July 1, 6:30-8:30 pm (Saturday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter



Let your imagination run wild and create your most unique and delicious S'more. A panel of judges will award prizes to the best S'mores of the evening during the family concert intermission. Official contest rules available by June 1 at a Forest office or on the Friends of the Kettle Moraine website. A campfire will be blazing for folks to make their own tasty treats. In the case of inclement weather, the contest will move to the Ice Age Visitor Center.

## Nature Storytimes

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### Long Jumpers: Frogs

July 6, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)  
July 7, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center



Able to leap over a lily pad in a single bound! A tongue faster than a fly! It's, it's, it's a frog! Learn truly surprising facts about these long jumpers.

### Fluffy, Puffy Clouds

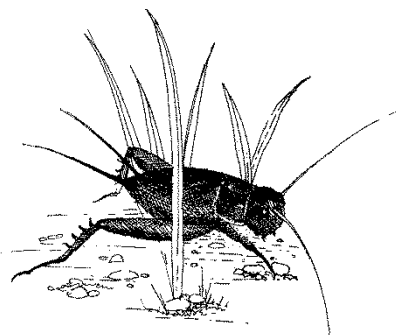
July 20, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)  
July 21, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Lay back and watch the clouds float by. Find out how these fluffy, puffy clouds are formed and what may fall from them.

## Journey into Darkness Night Hike

July 7, 8:30-10:00 pm (Thursday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter

As the sun sets and the light fades from the sky, the day animals retire and a new group of animals awakens. We will explore the darkening world for **nocturnal insects**. Bring your bug spray and sense of adventure. This night hike is best for families/groups with children at least 5 years old.



## Saturday Morning Nature Sleuths

July Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 am  
Picnic Shelters at Mauthe Lake Recreation Area and Long Lake Recreation Area

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## Nature Sensations

July 1, 11:30 am-12:30 pm (Saturday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach

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## *Evening Explorations*

Come delve into a nature topic or explore a portion of the Northern Unit on the second or fourth Thursday evening of the month. These explorations are for people over the age of 12 years.

### **Dealing with Pesky Wildlife**

July 13, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center



Presenter: Dianne Robinson, DNR Wildlife Biologist

We enjoy the antics of and respect wildlife as long as they don't become a problem such as woodpeckers destroying cedar siding, geese and turkeys creating messes, and raccoons digging through our garbage. Delve into the benefits and detriments of living in close quarters with these wild critters, and the different ways humans can live in harmony with them.

### **Wisconsin's Mighty Mussels**

July 27, 6:30-8:00 pm (Thursday)  
Contact the Ice Age Visitor Center for meeting location

Presenters: Lisie Kitchel, DNR Conservation Biologist

Warty purpleback, monkeyface, and creek heelsplitter sound like kids' nicknames, but they are just a few of Wisconsin's 51 species of mussels. These clam-like animals (bivalves) have truly intriguing life cycles, which include finding a host animal for their young, and play fascinating roles in our past and present economy. Weather permitting, we will go on a mussel hunt in a local river, so bring your water shoes.



## *Get Outdoors! Go...*

Have you wanted to try a new outdoor skill or brush up on an old one? Then join us for one of our Get Outdoors! Go... programs to learn a new skill or two from experienced instructors.

### **Get Outdoors! Play Day**

July 15, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach  
July 16, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

Bring the whole family for some nature and outdoor fun! Try your hand at tracking animals, honing your fishing skills, taking the eco-explorer challenge, matching young critters with their parents, and crafting original nature art. Everyone is invited to drop in for a few minutes or more than an hour. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

### **Learn to Kayak**

July 22, 9:00-11:30 am **OR** 1:00-3:30 pm (Saturday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Boat Launch

With the help of experienced kayak instructors learn the skills for flat water kayaking. Kayaks provided for those who need them or bring your own. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by July 20.** A \$25.00 per person deposit required at registration that will be refunded at the workshop.

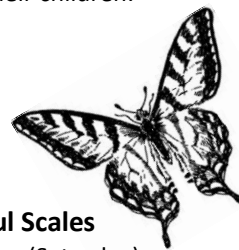
### **Learn Outdoor Cooking**

July 29, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area North Beach  
July 30, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

Brush up on your outdoor cooking skills or learn a new technique. The naturalists will be baking cakes, toasting pudgy pies, and whipping up some other tasty treats. You'll be surprised at how easy cooking in the outdoors can be. We'll also cover fire building/safety. Everyone is invited to drop in for a few minutes or more than an hour. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

## *Drop In at the Beach*

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### **Wings of Colorful Scales**

July 1, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach  
July 2, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

On wings of colorful scales, butterflies flutter through the daylight while moths float through the night. You will be amazed at the lives these incredible insects lead.

### **Awesome Amphibians and Radical Reptiles**

July 8, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

Many snakes, turtles, frogs, toads, and salamanders make Wisconsin their home. Meet several of these marvelous creatures up close and learn about their unique adaptations.



# July 2017

## Create Upscaled Art

July 9, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)

Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach

Let your creative juices flow! Using materials usually thrown away, fashion several fabulous upscaled art projects including jewelry pieces.

## Birds of a Feather

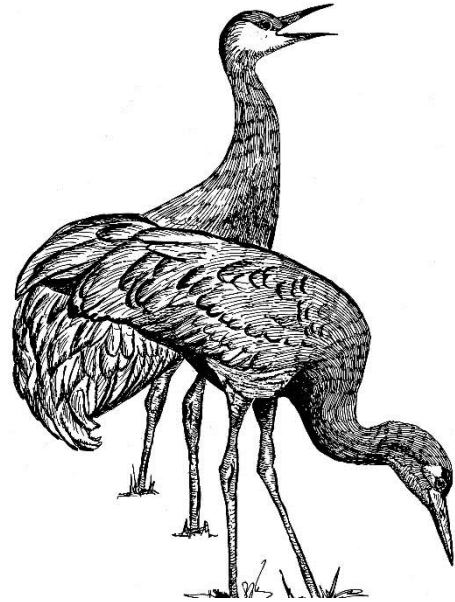
July 22, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

July 23, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)

Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach

Have you ever dreamed of flying like a bird? Drop in to learn about the unique adaptations birds possess that help them to fly and survive in a great variety of habitats.



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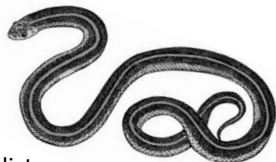
## Snakes of Wisconsin

July 8, 7:00-8:30 pm (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Randy Hetzel, Naturalist

A wide variety of snakes calls Wisconsin home. Uncoil the unique adaptations of these remarkable reptiles and what habitat requirements they need to survive. You may have the opportunity to meet a few live snakes.



## Silent Fliers: Owls

July 15, 7:00-8:15 pm (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

Wisconsin is home to several species of owls from the large great horned to the tiny screech. Discover the many extraordinary adaptations owls possess to hunt in the darkness of night including large eyes, soft feathers, incredible hearing, and sharp talons. You will have the opportunity to examine owl artifacts and meet live owls.

## Whoopers and Sandhills: Wisconsin's Cranes

July 22, 7:00-8:30 pm (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: International Crane Foundation

Whooping and sandhill cranes both call Wisconsin home. The whooping crane is one the most endangered cranes of the world while sandhills the most abundant. Learn about their fascinating life histories and specific habitat requirements, how people can help them to survive, and how they compare to the other 13 crane species found throughout the world.

## Black Bears in Wisconsin

July 29, 7:00-8:30 pm (Saturday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Maggie Steward, DNR Assistant Big Game Ecologist

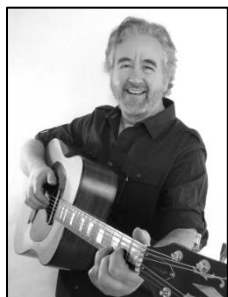
Black bears are thriving in Wisconsin. Join Steward as she shares facts about black bear natural history, ecology, and management. Discover ways for humans to better co-exist with these incredible animals.





# August 2017

## Special Events



### Family Concert with Randy Peterson

*Sponsored by the*

*Friends of the Kettle Moraine*

August 26, 6:30-8:30 pm (Saturday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area

Picnic Shelter

Randy Peterson, an award winning children's musician, invites folks to

sing-along, laugh-along, clap-along and have fun! His catchy original songs possess universal appeal and spotlight a variety of musical styles – from folk to rock, to reggae, to polka. This is an outdoor concert so remember to bring your lawn chairs and blankets. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Ice Age Visitor Center.

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### Going Batty

August 3, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)

August 4, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Come enter a bat's world to learn about these nighttime bug eaters and why they are our batty friends.



### Slow Moving Snails

August 17, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)

August 18, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)

Ice Age Visitor Center

Silvery trails in the morning light tell us where the snails have been. Join us as we explore the slow-moving world of snails.

## Journey into Darkness Night Hike

August 4, 8:00-9:45 pm (Friday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter

As the sun sets and the light fades from the sky, the day animals retire and a new group of animals awakens. We will explore the darkening world for **sounds of the night**. Bring your bug spray and sense of adventure. This night hike is best for families/groups with children at least 5 years old.



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### **An Ice Age Sunset**

August 10, 6:30-8:00 pm (Thursday)

Parnell Trail Parking Lot (located off County Road U between Hwy 67 and County Road A near Parnell)

Hike to the Ice Age National Scenic Trail to catch a beautiful Ice Age sunset. Along the way investigate the surrounding woods and gain an understanding of the area's glacial legacy. Make sure to wear sturdy footwear. In the event of threatening weather, the program will be canceled.

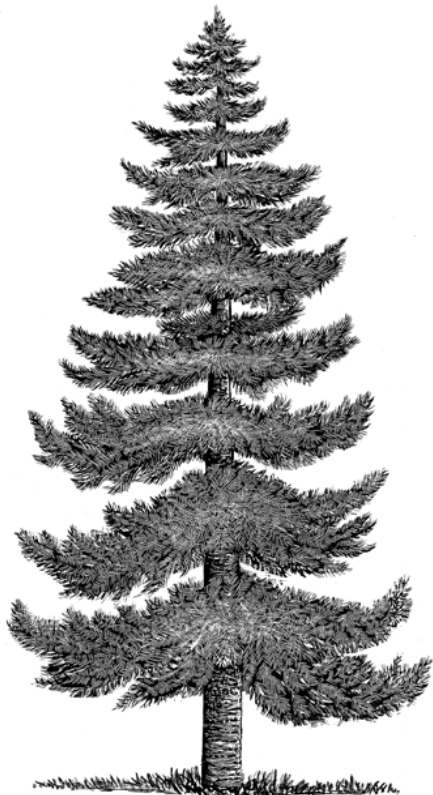
### **Behind the Scenes of a Timber Harvest**

August 24, 6:30-8:00 pm (Thursday)

Contact the Ice Age Visitor Center for meeting location

Presenter: Adam Zirbell, DNR Forester

Take a behind the scenes tour of an active timber harvest. Learn how foresters manage the forest and determine which trees to cut, and check out the latest equipment lumber harvesters use. Make sure to wear sturdy footwear. In the event of threatening weather, the program will be canceled.



## *Get Outdoors! Go...*

Have you wanted to try a new outdoor skill or brush up on an old one? Then join us for one of our Get Outdoors! Go... programs to learn a new skill or two from experienced instructors.



### **Learn Archery**

August 5, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area

What do Robin Hood, Katniss Everdeen, and Hawkeye have in common? Bows and arrows! Try your hand at shooting a bow and arrow and gain the basic skills of archery. Everyone is invited to drop in for a few minutes or more than an hour. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

### **Learn to Fish Rodeo**

August 12, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)

Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Fishing Pier

Let the fishing fun begin! The rodeo includes games and activities such as Backyard Bass Casting, Fill the Tackle Box, Fishing Regulations Quiz, Avoiding Hazards, Knots Tie-up, What's that Fish? and Baiting your Hook. After completing the rodeo, experienced anglers on the fishing pier will help hone your newly acquired skills. Special surprises and prizes await all who participate. Fishing gear will be provided for those who need it, or bring your own gear. Drop in at any time. People age 16 and older need a fishing license to fish.

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## *Drop In at the Beach*

Drop in on the forest naturalists on Saturday or Sunday afternoon at the Long Lake or Mauthe Lake Recreation Area. They will have artifacts, activities, and answers to your nature and outdoor questions. Come for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

### **Animals of the Forest and City**

August 6, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach



Discover what animals feel as comfortable living in the forest as they do in our human populated cities. Pick up tips on how to reside with wild animals in urban and suburban areas.

### **Create Upscaled Art**

August 13, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach

Let your creative juices flow! Using materials usually thrown away, fashion several fabulous upscaled art projects including jewelry pieces.

### **Wings of Colorful Scales**

August 19, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach  
August 20, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach

On wings of colorful scales, butterflies flutter through the daylight while moths float through the night. You will be amazed at the lives these incredible insects lead.



### **Summer Sun Celebration**

August 26, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach  
August 27, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

Come celebrate the summer sun! Discover what work the sun can do for us from cooking food to powering a car or flashlight. Create a special solar piece of art. Try a few cool sun experiments.

## *Summer Saturday Evening Events*

### **Sponsored by Friends of the Kettle Moraine**

Meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center or the location listed for informative and entertaining presentations. Forest staff or guest presenters will provide programs on a wide array of topics. These programs are best for people over 8 years old unless otherwise listed.

### **Flying for the Wisconsin DNR**

August 5, 7:00-8:30 pm (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Beverly Paulan, DNR Pilot

From spotting fires to tracking Whooping cranes, no day is ever the same in the life of a DNR pilot. Learn about the varied missions a DNR pilot flies throughout the year and how the Aeronautics Team supports not only the DNR but local agencies and university research partners as well. Paulan, a photographer and field biologist, will share photos she has taken from the plane while flying.



### **Paper Making with Prairie Grass**

August 12, 6:30-8:00 pm (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Mel Kolstad, Artist/Certified Papermaker

Did you know you can make paper from dried plants and grasses from your garden or prairie? We'll investigate how gorgeous hand-made paper can be made by combining plants, soda ash, boiling water, and pressure. This program is best for people over 10 years old.

### **Nature's Cuisine: Wild Edibles**

August 19, 6:30-8:00 pm (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Forest Naturalist

If you know where to look, nature can provide a whole smorgasbord of food. Find out what plants are safe to eat and let your taste buds decide which are "good" to eat.

# Self-Guided Activities

Read & Explore in  
**Wisconsin  
State Parks**



## *Hey kids? Need a good nature book to read?*

Check out a book from the Long Lake or Mauthe Lake Entrance Station or Ice Age Visitor Center. Reading is a great way to:

- end the day after playing outdoors,
- fill a rainy afternoon, or
- cool off in the shade.

Visit [www.wi.parks.net](http://www.wi.parks.net) search "read" for more information.

## *Fishing Tackle Loaner Program*

*Borrow a rod.  
Keep the memories.*



Rods, reels, and basic tackle are available at Mauthe Lake and Long Lake Entrance Stations and at the Ice Age Visitor Center. There is no cost to borrow the equipment. You need to provide your own bait. The program is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and The Kettle Moraine State Forest- Northern Unit.



## *Forest Forever and Fish ParkPacks*



Through fun-filled activities, books and other cool stuff, learn about sustainable forestry in the Forest Forever ParkPack or about fishes and their lake ecosystems in the Fish ParkPack.

ParkPacks are perfect for families and youth groups with children in upper elementary grades. To check out a ParkPack, contact the staff at the Ice Age Visitor Center, (920) 533- 8322.



## *Wisconsin Explorers Solving Mysteries*

Make Tracks to the Mauthe Lake or Long Lake Entrance Station or to the Ice Age Visitor Center. Ask for this year's Wisconsin Explorers book. Open the book and start unraveling the mysteries of nature. When you complete the requirements, you can earn a colorful patch! Books are available for three age levels (ages 3-5, ages 6-8 and ages 9+). Get out there and start solving nature's mysteries with your favorite adult!

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